total number of Family Planning acceptors were 22.50 million (provisional) during 1987-88 which is an all time high in any year since inception. The number of Family Planning acceptors during the previous three years are as follows:

Year	Family Planning acceptors (in million)
1984-85	16.44
1985-86	18.92
1986-87	20.56

(c) Four statements giving State-wise and method-wise performances and increase/decrease in 1987-88 over 1986-87 are given in Annexure (*See* Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 70). To control the population of the country, the family Welfare Programme has been adopting a strategy which including the following steps:

i. Provision of a minimum of service delivery infrastructure of Sub-Centres, Primary Health Centres and of Community Health Centres;

ii. Payment of compensation to acceptors and incentive payment to motivators;

iii. Promotion and supplies of temporary contraceptive methods;

iv. Intensification of the Programme for mother and Child health including universal immunisation;

v. Strengthening information, education and communication components;

vi. Increased involvement of local communities etc.

Maximum Family Pension

1556. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:
SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maximum family pension to pre-1986 pensioners has been limited to Rs. 655 per mensum, compared to Rs. 1250 per mensum for post-1985 pensioners; and

(b) if so, the reasons for this vide discrepancy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Family pension is related to the emoluments drawn at the time of retirement/death in harness. The maximum family pension upto 31-12-1985 was Rs. 250/- per mensum which after rationalisation with effect from 1-1-1986 on the recommendations of the Fourth Central Pay Commission is Rs. 655/- per mensum. This is admissible to the families of employees who drew emoluments of Rs. 2084/- per mensum and above in the pre-revised scales of pay. The families of employees drawing the equivalent of Rs. 2084/- in the revised scales of pay are now entitled to a family pension upto Rs. 709 per mensum.

The family pension entitlement with reference to the post—1-1-1986 pensioners is based upon the revised scales of pay. In view of the upward revision of the pay scales, family pension now ranges between Rs. 375/- and Rs. 1250 per mensum. However, the maximum entitlement of Rs. 1250 is admissible only for the families of a very few officers in receipt of the highest pay under the Government. There is no wide variation in the family pension entitlements among comparable pre—1-1-1986 and post—1-1-1986 cases for a large majority of pensioners.

Antibiotics for Treatment of trachoma

1557. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4237 given in the